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- 1. In late 1953, the chief of the Development Department of VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena, Austrian born Diplo Ing Desichoff (1914), was relieved of his functions with the enterprise. He was reproached for inefficiency in general and in particular, for his failure to accept for development the model of a quartz spectrograph builtied by Professor Friedrich Leutwein of the Freiberg Mining Academy and member of the Central Committee of the SED. The firing of Bischoff was instigated by the SED.
- 2. Dr. Herbert Kortum, a returnee from Russia in late 1953, was appointed successor to Bischoff in early 1954.

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